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APPLICANT: Johannsson et al

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FOR:

USE OF GROWTH

HORMONE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

Please cancel Claims 19-21, 25-27, and 29-40 without prejudice to their re-entry at some later date.

Please amend the claims as follows.

Amended) A method for [preventing or treating a patient for insulin resistance, said patient having the Metabolic Syndrome and being [for] non-insulin dependent [diabetes mellitus] which comprises administering to [a] said patient [in need thereof] growth hormone or a functional derivative thereof in an amount effective for [preventing or treating non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus.] decreasing insulin resistance of said patient to thereby decrease said insulin resistance.

Claim 23, line 1 delete "grown" and insert --growth--.